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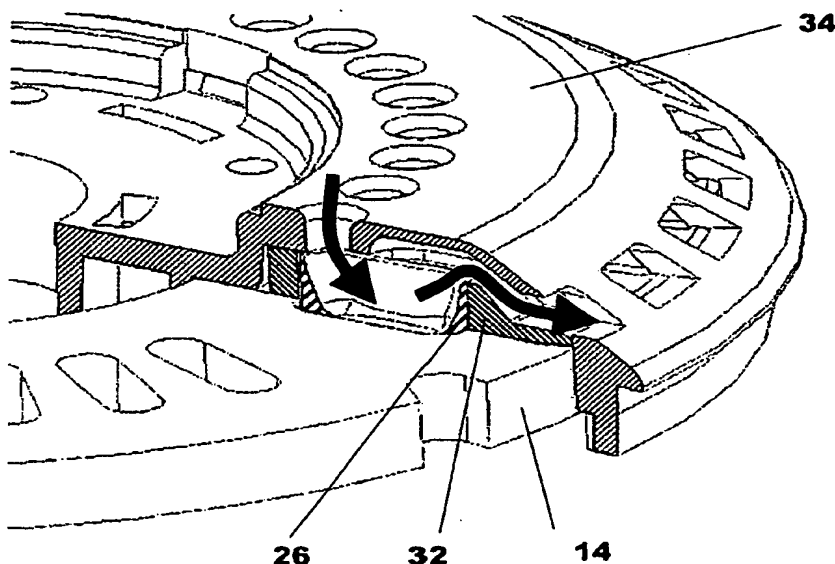
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(54) Title: DISPENSING DEVICE



(57) Abstract: A device for dispensing individual doses of powder from respective pockets of a disc-shaped carrier by outwardly rupturing a lidding foil by means of pressure on an opposite side surface, the device providing individual respective deaggregation flow paths for each pocket, split airstreams allowing improved entrainment of powder, a cam mechanism for outwardly rupturing the pockets, an indexing mechanism linked to the cam mechanism and a dose counter.

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A device for dispensing individual doses of powder from respective pockets of a carrier with a flow path downstream of each defined by walls unique for said pocket.

2. claims: 9-11

A device for dispensing individual doses of powder from respective pockets of a carrier with a first flow path communicating with the pocket and a second flow path bypassing said pocket.

3. claims: 12-21

A device for dispensing individual doses of powder from respective pockets of a pair of carriers.

4. claims: 22-32

A device for dispensing individual doses of powder from respective pockets of a carrier with a prodger/cam arrangement for rupturing the lidding sheet sealing the pockets.

5. claims: 33-38

A device for dispensing individual doses of powder from respective pockets of a carrier with priming member and intermittent-motion for interaction with the priming member.

6. claims: 39-47

A device for dispensing individual doses of powder from respective pockets of a carrier with a changeover component and an indexing mechanism.

7. claims: 48-53

A device for dispensing individual doses of powder from respective pockets of a carrier with a counting mechanism for counting the number of doses dispensed to the user.

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